

DNREC Tax Ditch Program

WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO



Melissa Hubert

Program Manager

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Responsibilities: Provides overall Tax Ditch Program direction; Manages Program staff; Fields questions; Performs site visits in all counties; Approves commercial and residential land development projects and related documents



Michael Case

Environmental Scientist

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Responsibilities: Assists Tax Ditch Organizations by obtaining permits for maintenance activities; Provides consultation for requested tax ditch crossings; Provides technical assistance; Explores opportunities for project enhancements to leverage additional funds



Michele Garner

Tax Ditch Administrative

Support Coordinator

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Responsibilities: Reviews Court Order Change (COC); Assists with Tax Ditch Organization banking issues/concerns; Provides bonding guidance; Processes tax ditch warrants



Karyssa Gortz

Permit & Data Specialist

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Responsibilities: Processes and tracks all requests for tax ditch technical assistance to include: land development inquiries, permitting assistance, and Court Order Changes; Reviews tax ditch maintenance projects to identify environmental permit needs for processing; Assists in preparation of permit application submissions



Robin Weinkam

Court Order Change (COC) Coordinator

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Responsibilities: Handles tax ditch right-of-way inquiries; Coordinates residential and commercial COCs; Consults with tax ditch officers and requesters; Drafts COC documents; Assists landowners in filing and recording legal documents



Heather Hitchens

Officer Coordinator

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Responsibilities: Coordinates with and recruits tax ditch officers; Assists tax ditch officers with legal filings, audits, financial services, information housing, and administrative support for meetings; Jumpstarts tax ditches with no officers



John Inkster

Assessment & Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist

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Responsibilities: Supplies and updates assessment information as required and requested; Maintains and develops Tax Ditch Program GIS resources



Jordan Watson

Land Development & Field Support

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Responsibilities: Coordinates commercial and land development plan reviews; Fields drainage concerns; Performs inspections; Investigates right-of-way obstructions; Certified Construction Site Reviewer



Ivette Clayton

Communications & Outreach Specialist

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Responsibilities: Develops tax ditch resource and reference materials; Maintains tax ditch webpage; Hosts outreach opportunities; Implements marketing strategies to raise tax ditch awareness



Amanda Flemming

Drainage Program Office Manager

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Responsibilities: Maintains statewide drainage hotline; Intake and assignment of drainage/tax ditch concerns; Front desk reception; Drainage Program facilities management

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Tyler Brown

Public Ditch Program Manager

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Responsibilities: Manages Public Ditch Program; Manages Program staff who evaluate reported drainage concerns; Manages the Resource Conservation and Development Fund (RC&D) project list; Fields questions



Amy Reed

Drainage Program Engineer

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Responsibilities: Reviews land development plans; Provides comment; Designs and reviews Drainage Program and tax ditch projects; Approves tax ditch standard plans; Field questions; Provides technical assistance



Jeff Wheatley

Survey Crew Chief

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Responsibilities: Performs construction stakeout for tax ditch projects; Completes survey field work for Drainage Program and tax ditch projects; Performs tax ditch inspections of installed features



Amy Griffith

Survey Crew Member

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Responsibilities: Performs construction stakeout for tax ditch projects; Completes survey field work for Drainage Program and tax ditch project; Performs tax ditch inspections of installed features



Jon Goodwin

Public Ditch Program Planner

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Responsibilities: In Sussex County, Lead Planner on RC&D Projects; Fields drainage concerns; Provides technical assistance; Secures landowners agreements for RC&D Projects; Assists in planning petitioned tax ditches



Karl Workman

Public Ditch Program Planner

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Responsibilities: In Sussex County, Lead Planner on RC&D Projects; Fields drainage concerns; Provides technical assistance; Secures landowners agreements for RC&D Project; Assists in planning petitioned tax ditches



Mike Biggs

Public Ditch Program Planner

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Responsibilities: In Kent County, Lead Planner on RC&D Projects; Fields drainage concerns; Provides technical assistance; Secures landowner agreements for RC&D Projects, Assists in planning petitioned tax ditches



Erik Foraker

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Responsibilities: In Kent County, Lead Planner on RC&D Projects; Fields drainage concerns; Provides technical assistance; Secures landowner agreements for RC&D Projects, Assists in planning petitioned tax ditches



Robert Johnson

Public Ditch Program— Small Projects

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Responsibilities: Equipment operator; Performs small projects to resolve reported drainage concerns and tax ditch issues



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